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Serial No. 09/917,578

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For: SLEEVE FOR PIG-TAILING OPTICAL FIBER

Art Unit 2873

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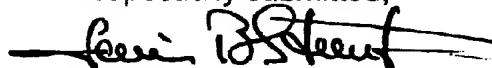
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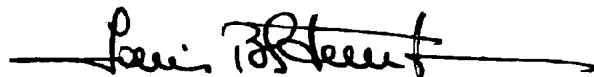
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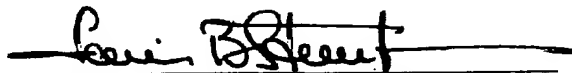
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The amendments, contained in the Versions *WITH* and *WITHOUT* Markings enclosed herewith, and below remarks are submitted in response to the PTO communication mailed 25 September 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Fujihara et al. in view of Takahashi et al. It is respectfully submitted that it is not obvious to combine these references so as to reject the claims.

The Fujihara et al. patent discloses in FIGS. 2 and 3 a chip carrier 30 supporting a chip 31 and a ferrule 37 supporting an optical fiber 36. Coupling between